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## Free parking chapter ends

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### Motorists will pay to use lot behind library after sale



Haley Ryan  
Metro | Halifax

The days of free parking at the Halifax Central Library are over.

The municipality said there will be no public parking allowed in the open-air lot on Queen Street behind the library starting Thursday.

HRM spokesman Brendan Elliott said Wednesday the property was sold to Dalhousie University on Tuesday.

"Until the moment that we lost control of that property, we wanted to make sure that it was available for free for the merchants, shoppers and library customers," Elliott said.

Parking in the lot was ori-

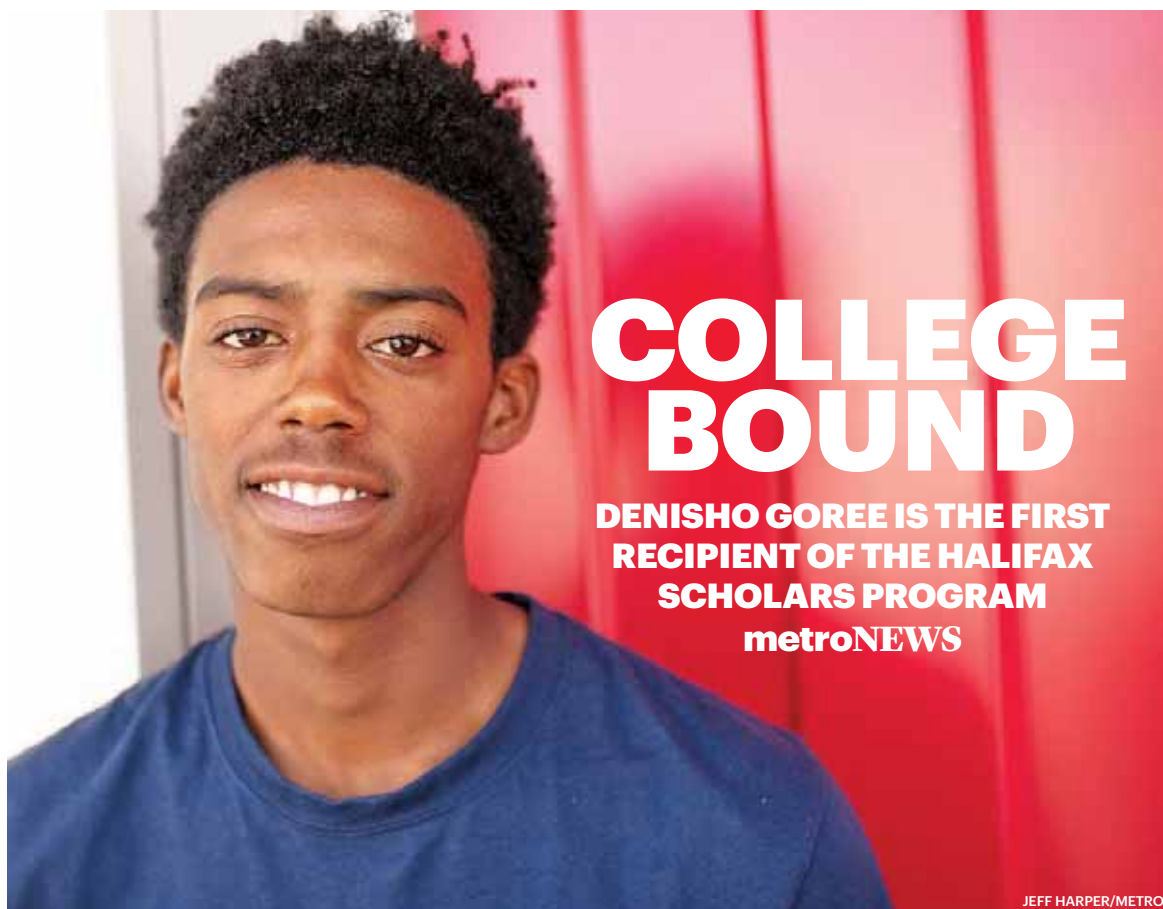
ginally offered for free last December to ease the parking pressures that came with the opening of the new Central Library and holiday shopping, Elliott said. He said the parking was extended until the city was able to sell the property.

The lot will be closed for a few weeks during the transition, Elliott said, and then only those with a valid Dalhousie parking permit will be able to use it.

Although the loss doesn't help an already-crowded downtown parking situation, Elliott said many on social media were understanding and thanked the city for allowing the parking for the six months it was available.

### + UNDERGROUND

The library's underground lot is still open for free during regular hours for now, but drivers will soon be charged an hourly rate.



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Community members talk after a news conference at Cornwallis Street Baptist Church in Halifax to call for a ban on the Confederate flag in Nova Scotia. JEFF HARPER/METRO

## Fighting a 'symbol of racism'

### CONFEDERATE FLAG

**Group urging province, feds to ban southern U.S. symbol**



**Zane Woodford**  
Metro | Halifax

The Confederate flag is racist. Period.

That's the message from Nova Scotian Citizens Against White Supremacy.

The group held a news conference Wednesday at the Cornwallis Street Baptist Church in

Halifax, calling on the provincial and federal governments to ban the display, sale and distribution of the flag.

"There are many people who confuse it as an issue of heritage. The question is not heritage, the question is what does it symbolize," historian and professor Isaac Saney said at the conference.

"It's quite clear the Confederate flag is an unabashed, an unequivocal symbol of racism, hatred and white supremacy. That is beyond debate."

Saney evoked the events that happened in June in Charleston, South Carolina, where nine black people were gunned down by a white supremacist in their church.



**Isaac Saney, historian and professor, shows hate graffiti in a recent edition of the Metro Halifax.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

It's sad, he said, that that had to be the catalyst for change, but it led to the Confederate

flag being taken down at South Carolina's legislature — something that might have seemed

impossible just a few years ago.

"Even in the Southern U.S., it's become such a noxious, odious symbol to so many people that politically, they could not allow it to fly at their state capital," he said.

Here in Nova Scotia, activist Lynn Jones recounted a story of seeing a truck in Truro emblazoned with the Confederate flag, and quotes like, "It's OK to be a redneck."

"I was actually afraid," she said.

Jones said that's the effect the flag has on many people, and that's why she's calling for its banning.

"If someone tells me they don't see it as offensive, then I

ask them to take the dirt out of their eye," she said.

"It's up to our governments, it's up to our education system, it's up to individuals, it's up to families to make sure that people do know."

Cornwallis Street Baptist Church Rev. Rhonda Britton agreed education is the overarching goal of their campaign.

"Some people are wilfully ignorant," said Britton.

"They want to ignore the history, but we are upfront and telling you the history so you cannot ignore it, and if you decide to not do anything about it, then you are making a statement and you need to know what that statement is."



**They think it's some symbol of Southern pride or being a redneck ... I don't even know what you think a redneck is if it's not a racist person, because that's what a redneck is.** Rev. Rhonda Britton



**I have a right to live in a society that's not racist, and does not carry these symbols.**

Activist Lynn Jones



**It was a flag of battle. Battle for what? Battle to defend the institution of slavery, battle to defend the dehumanization ... oppression and brutalization of Africans.** Historian and professor Isaac Saney





Ashton Stare, a master of architecture student at Dalhousie University, sands down some pop-up furniture that will be installed on the Halifax waterfront.

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# Students hope installation a 'magnet' for waterfront

## HARBOUR

### Furniture inspired by lobster traps, shipping crates



**Haley Ryan**  
Metro | Halifax

Part of the Halifax boardwalk is getting an intervention.

As part of a two-week course, a group of graduate and undergrad students with Dalhousie University's School of Archi-

tecture have designed and built pop-up furniture that will be installed by the Sands at Salter Friday for everyone to enjoy.

"There's lots of seating, there's lots of tabletop levels. It's meant to be this open, flexible piece," said Brad Pickard of OPEN projects, co-instructor for the HFX Tactical Architecture course.

"It's quite a beautiful structure just on its own."

Pickard said the installation is made up of two larger pieces and multiple smaller "bread-crumbs" pieces, using local larch wood and inspired by lobster traps and shipping crates.

The students presented the

idea to Waterfront Development, which liked the project and decided to become partners, Pickard said.

Pickard added he and co-instructor Devin McCarthy are interested in drawing inspiration from "tactical urbanism" for the course, the idea that citizens can directly change how their neighbourhoods look and operate.

"We're interested in taking these spaces in our cities that are perhaps under utilized, or we feel like could use an intervention," Pickard said.

The waterfront boardwalk may often be busy with pedestrians during the summer, Pick-

**“It's really small scale intervention that can have a large impact.”**

Brad Pickard

ard said, but the square space of the Sands at Salter itself is a "lost area."

"We wanted to create an installation that would be a magnet," Pickard said.

Finishing touches go on the pieces Thursday, Pickard said, including orange and blue paint that acts as a visual con-

trast to the harbour.

The course is one of the Free Lab selections offered through Dalhousie this year, Pickard said, and follows last year's installation of the stairs on Citadel Hill.

"It's kind of wide open with the possibilities. There's also moments where it's sort of an informal stage," Pickard said of the pop-up.

"It's very much a playground as well. I'm sure there will be kids that will love it."

The design also ensures the heights of the furniture pieces are accessible for the elderly and as many people as possible, Pickard said.

## CRIME

### Man calls police on himself

Halifax police say they've arrested and charged a man who allegedly used a stolen debit card after he saw himself on TV and called police.

Officers went to the 56-year-old man's home on Pleasant Street, arrested him and brought him to the police station.

He's been charged with theft under \$5,000 and theft of a credit card.

In late May, police say a man was using his debit card at a drive-through ATM on Pleasant Street in Dartmouth and said the machine took his card.

Police say while the man was inside the bank, the suspect was able to retrieve the debit card from the machine, and withdraw money from the account. The accused has been released from custody on a promise to appear in Dartmouth provincial court in September.

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## IN BRIEF

### Man, 70, hit in parking lot by reversing driver

Police in Halifax are investigating after they said a 70-year-old man was hit by a vehicle backing out of a Dartmouth business.

At 10:34 a.m. Wednesday, Halifax Regional Police responded to a vehicle/pedestrian collision in the parking lot of Scotia Tire Service on Wyse Road.

According to police, a 70-year-old man walking through the parking lot was struck by a car driven by a 37-year-old man as he backed out of a service bay.

The man was taken to hospital by paramedics with what are believed to be non-life-threatening injuries.

Police said the investigation is ongoing and no charges have been laid.

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### Cemetery sign vandalized

Someone knocked over the large stone sign for the Fairview Cemetery in Digby.

Fairview is the cemetery of the Grace United Church and is located across the street from the town compound between Sydney and Prince William and Third and West.

Digby RCMP have reason to believe it was an act of random vandalism.

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## CITADEL HILL

### Slide the City cancelled, company plans to try again



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

Slipping, sliding, gone.

Organizers of the much-anticipated Slide the City event have officially called the whole thing off.

"We are beyond bummed to have to announce to you that we won't be able to make Slide the City happen this year in Halifax,"

the company said in an online post. The company plans to refund anyone who paid to take a slide down what would have been a 300-metre slip 'n' slide down Citadel Hill.

Recently, organizers announced the event had to be postponed from its initial July 25-26 dates, after it hit bumpy waters due to construction of the new North Park intersection.

Several weeks before that a spokesperson with Parks Canada

**“The good news is construction will be finished in plenty of time for next year's event.”**

Slide The City release

told Metro Halifax the event itself was not confirmed and still waiting on final approvals.



Organizers announced the Slide the City event is cancelled for Halifax. FACEBOOK

# Henneberry gets extension for appeal

## CRIME

### Application to court can now be filed until Aug. 21

Nova Scotia's highest court agreed Wednesday to allow Victoria Henneberry to file a late application to appeal her murder conviction in the slaying of Loretta Saunders, a young Inuit woman from Labrador whose body was found on the side of a New Brunswick highway in February 2014.

In April, Henneberry pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, and her boyfriend, Blake Leggette, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder.

Saunders was a 26-year-old student at Saint Mary's University in Halifax, where she focused her studies on missing and murdered aboriginal women.



Victoria Henneberry is led up the stairs into Halifax provincial court last year. JEFF HARPER/METRO

In documents filed with the court, Henneberry says her conviction should be overturned and a new trial ordered on the grounds that she panicked when entering her plea.

"I wasn't in the right mindset when I made my plea," Henneberry says in a notice of appeal filed June 25. "I was distraught, under a great deal of stress and panicked. I'm not guilty of the charge of second-degree murder."

Henneberry had missed the 30-day deadline to file her application with the Nova Scotia Court of Appeal, but the Crown agreed Wednesday during a conference call to allow an extension to Aug. 21.

In an affidavit dated July 3, Henneberry says she failed to meet the 30-day deadline because her lawyer gave her the wrong information, or she may have misunderstood what she was told.

Henneberry was sentenced to life in prison with no eligibility for parole for 10 years while Leggette was sentenced to a mandatory life sentence with no parole eligibility for 25 years.

"After the sentencing, I was quite overwhelmed by the ordeal but still planned to appeal," she says in an affidavit dated July 8. "My hopes are to have an appeal granted in order to have an overturned conviction or a fair and impartial trial."

Even though the Crown has agreed to the extension, "that does not mean that we're agreeing that the appeal has any merit," said Chris Hansen, spokeswoman for Nova Scotia's Public Prosecution Service.

She said another teleconference has been scheduled for Sept. 2 for lawyers to sort out issues before any arguments are delivered.

Henneberry remains incarcerated at the Nova Institution for Women in Truro.

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## CORRECTIONS

### Inmate's death in Truro under review

Corrections officials are investigating the death of a 22-year-old inmate at the Nova Institution for Women in Truro.

A release from the Correctional Service of Canada says that Camille Strickland-Murphy was found unresponsive in her cell Tuesday.

It says staff began CPR, but could not resuscitate her.

It did not release information about the possible cause of death.

Strickland-Murphy had been serving a sentence of two years and eight months since Nov. 10, 2014, for robbery and a probation offence.

The service says it is reviewing the incident.

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## IN BRIEF

### Man seriously injured after head stomping

Police say a man is facing charges after he allegedly jumped on the head of another person during a fight.

The incident happened at 7:50 p.m. Tuesday on Gottingen and Cornwallis streets.

According to police, the victim was knocked to the ground during the fight, and the suspect then jumped on his head more than once.

The 29-year-old accused has been charged with assault causing bodily harm and aggravated assault.

The victim, a 34-year-old

man, suffered serious injuries and was taken to the QEII hospital in Halifax. METRO

### Three sought following assault, robbery incident

Halifax Regional Police are on the lookout for three people who assaulted and robbed two others.

Two men and a woman entered an apartment on Dawn Street in Clayton Park at about 7:15 p.m. Tuesday, and then assaulted a man and a woman inside before stealing money and taking off from the building.

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# Charity launches program to pay the way for local students

## EDUCATION

**Metro Care and Share Society covering tuition costs**



**Stephanie Taylor**  
Metro | Halifax

Denisho Goree has slept a bit sounder these days.

Ever since the 17-year-old from Citadel High School received word that a local charity would fund his tuition for a two-year carpentry program at Nova Scotia Community College, he's been riding a wave of relief.

"I can relax now," he said Wednesday afternoon, sitting in one of the offices of the Metro Care and Share Society in Halifax.

"Now I can sit at home and not think about, 'How am I going to get in there?'"

The man seated next to him was none other than celebrated community philanthropist Mel Boutilier, who is promoting the society's new Halifax Scholars Program, which helps students like Goree afford post-secondary education.

## + BACKGROUND

Founder Mel Boutilier is asking Halifax residents to open their pockets and donate to the Halifax Scholars Program, which he said depends entirely on funds.



Denisho Goree and philanthropist Mel Boutilier pose for a portrait Wednesday. Goree is the first participant in the Halifax Scholars Program. JEFF HARPER/METRO

"I have a joy in my heart to be able to be part of helping somebody who is wanting to go on and to have a good future," Boutilier said in his characteristically soft, careful voice.

Developing a way to remove the financial barriers for students hoping to attend college or university came as an idea after 30 years' worth of conversations with parents in the community, Boutilier explained.

He said many families felt

heartbroken that they didn't have the money to send their kids to school and he decided there was a need for more opportunities.

After consulting with numerous social workers and educators, Boutilier launched the new program, which Goree is the first participant in.

The charity plans to partner with different high schools and seek nominations from families and school officials who recommend a hopeful student in Grade 10, 11

or 12 for the program.

To qualify, students must demonstrate the need for financial assistance and have the academic aptitude to thrive in a post-secondary setting.

Students will then be paired with a mentor to apply to colleges or universities, and be asked to attend several workshops and networking events with different community leaders.

"I know people in the community that want to go for

college, but they can't pay for it and they have no source to get there, nothing," Goree said Wednesday.

He planned to go to college with or without the charity's help, but is grateful the burden of saving up for years

to pay for tuition has been lifted off his shoulders.

"Education is a means for young people to have a better life — young people that can go on and be leaders in their community," Boutilier said Wednesday.



**They can make a difference in their families by being a role model to the other young people in the community.**

Mel Boutilier, founder of Metro Care and Share

## CONSTRUCTION

# Roundabout work to shut down more streets

Halifax's newest roundabout will close down two more streets before it's complete.

In addition to current closures, road construction will also shut down North Park Street to southbound traffic between Cornwallis and Cogswell streets, while Cogswell will close in both directions between North Park and Robie streets, starting Monday.

The closures will be effective "until the roundabout is operational later next month," Halifax Regional Municipality said in a news release Wednesday.

The roundabout should be finished by Aug. 24, "barring any weather delays," with all affected streets to open up again at that time, according to the municipality.

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## + BACKGROUND

• Work will continue on the greenway trail and pedestrian plazas into September.

• The Cogswell roundabout is part of the North Park Intersection Redesign.



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# Office vacancies increase: Survey

## REAL ESTATE

### Valuable space sitting empty, real estate agency reports



If you're looking to rent office space in Halifax, you'll have plenty to choose from.

Vacancy is up across all types of office rental space in Halifax, according to the latest real estate survey by Turner Drake & Partners, released Wednesday.

Overall vacancy is up from 11.81 per cent in 2014 to 14.01 per cent in 2015.

Class A real estate space — generally considered the best located and constructed space — is leading the pack in vacancy, jumping from 14.19 per cent in 2014 to 17.22 per cent in 2015.

A news release from Turner Drake calls Class A space the "vanguard of the market," with 38 per cent of total vacant space, and just 31 per cent of overall space.

Class B space sits at 12.48 per cent vacancy and Class C at 13.41 per cent.

The release says vacancy will continue to rise in Halifax as new buildings continue to pop up and



**Vacancies, such as those in downtown Halifax, are up 14 per cent from a year ago.** JEFF HARPER/METRO

the state of the economy keeps demand for office space low.

That is a "bad omen" for the rental rate, which hasn't grown in the city over the past year, sitting at about \$14 per square foot, while operating costs continue to rise.

Turner Drake says the quality of new buildings will raise those rates slightly, but considers that to be unsustainable growth as supply will continue to outpace demand.

The release says the overall vacancy rate will keep climbing, hitting 15.56 per cent by 2016.

The real estate consultants compare the current situation to the last boom and bust in Halifax real estate in 1989, when new buildings popped up all

over the downtown core, only to have the economy crash less than a year later.

The survey collected rental, operating expense and vacancy data at 155 office and industrial buildings over the past year.

## + RISING RATES

### Overall vacancies across Halifax increasing

The 2015 vacancy rate in the city increased three per cent since 2014. The trend is expected to continue:

- **2014: 11.81%**
- **2015: 14.01%**
- **2016: 15.56% (projected)**

## ECONOMY

# Feds create foreign trade zone

The federal government has announced the creation of a foreign trade zone in Halifax.

Justice Minister Peter MacKay made the announcement Wednesday.

A foreign trade zone is a location within a country where imported goods may be stored or processed without being

subject to import duties.

It will be located within the Halifax Gateway, which includes the Halifax Stanfield International Airport, the Port of Halifax, two deep water container terminals, CN Rail facilities, and the Halifax Logistics Park located in Dartmouth.

The Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency said in a statement that the foreign trade zone will enable the Halifax Gateway to work more effectively with national and international companies to provide faster access to the rest of North America.

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## POLICE THREE MEN, TWO WOMEN FACE DRUG CHARGES

Three men and two women from Halifax are facing drug charges following the police search of a residence Tuesday.

Officers executed a warrant at a home on the 100 block of Main Avenue in the Fairview area, where they seized cannabis resin, cocaine, marijuana and drug paraphernalia, according to a joint news release from Halifax Regional Police and

Halifax RCMP.

Martena Marie Anderson, 21; Marteno Terrel Anderson, 21; Tina Ann Anderson, 48; and Darcy Kerry Pyke, 27, each face two counts of drug possession for the purpose of trafficking, one count of drug possession, in addition to five weapons charges.

All five accused individuals were scheduled to appear in Halifax provincial court Wednesday. METRO

### Forestry worker dies after work-related accident

A 54-year-old Little Narrows Man died in a forestry accident Tuesday.

Police officers responded to a call of the overdue worker at about 9:30 p.m. that night, according to a Baddeck RCMP news release. The man had been working alone while operating a logging skidder.

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## HUMAN RIGHTS

# Discrimination dispute settled

An independent Nova Scotia human rights board of inquiry has settled a complaint without a finding of discrimination.

Mary Brown claimed she lost her job and had been discriminated against by the St. Vincent De Paul Society because of her disability.

St. Vincent De Paul denied it discriminated against her, and that Brown had been advised by her doctor that she should no longer continue working.

The Nova Scotia Human Rights Commission says it approved of the settlement that the two sides reached.

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## \$1,000

As part of the deal, St. Vincent De Paul Society will pay Mary Brown \$1,000 in general damages.

## INVESTIGATION

### Sudden death of teen 'not suspicious'

The sudden death of a 16-year-old boy earlier this week near Truro "is not considered suspicious" and wasn't the result of an early morning car crash, Nova Scotia police said Wednesday.

The autopsy has been completed, but the Colchester District RCMP are still investigating cause of death, they confirmed in a news release.

Police officers went to 488 Harmony Ridge Rd. at about 4 a.m. Monday.

They erected a canopy behind a small white shed when they arrived at the residence, according to the Truro Daily News.

"Every event we have in relation to a sudden death, the stance we have to take is to investigate it as a homicide until we know otherwise," RCMP spokesman Cpl. Mark Skinner said later Monday.

The Mounties could add few details about the actual cause of the teen's death Wednesday afternoon, but RCMP spokesman Cpl. Greg Church said they expect to release more details to media Thursday.

Salmon River Fire Brigade fire chief Tim Johnson said Monday that crews were called to Harmony Ridge Road early that morning for a single-car crash.

"We got there and there

was nobody there," Johnson told the Truro Daily News. Emergency Health Services also arrived on scene. "We were waiting for the RCMP to show, to see if they wanted to tow the vehicle or what they wanted to do."

Fire crews then got an emergency call about someone having a cardiac arrest at 488 Harmony Ridge Rd., Johnson said.

Police could not confirm Wednesday if the cardiac arrest was related to the boy's death, but Cpl. Church did confirm "his death was not a result of the single-vehicle crash he was involved in earlier that morning."

KRISTEN LIPSCOMBE/METRO



Premier Stephen McNeil told reporters his government will do all it can to convince Americans that the deal struck between Port Hawkesbury Paper and Nova Scotia Power Inc. isn't a subsidy on power rates. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

# Mill plans to fight paper subsidies

## TRADE

## Premier hopes Ottawa will help reduce new tariffs

A Canadian paper mill that relies on exports to the United States to maintain more than 330 jobs at its Cape Breton mill says it will fight hard against a decision by the U.S. government to slap large tariffs onto its coated paper products.

Port Hawkesbury Paper said Wednesday the interim duty of 20.33 per cent announced by the U.S. Department of Commerce is unfair and without merit.

"We are very confident in our ability to reduce these interim duties substantially, or eliminate them entirely, as part of the process," said Marc Dube, development manager of Port Hawkesbury Paper.

The J.D. Irving mill in New Brunswick and Catalyst Paper

of British Columbia are also facing an 11.19 per cent duty under the U.S. decision, while Resolute paper is facing a two per cent tariff.

The trade action is the result of a petition filed by two American producers of supercalendered paper that say the Canadian paper goods are unfairly subsidized.

The Cape Breton mill received a rescue package from the former NDP government in the fall of 2012 valued at about \$124.5 million to help it reopen after private investor Ron Stern purchased its assets during bankruptcy proceedings.

That assistance came on top of \$36.8 million the province spent keeping the mill in usable condition while a new buyer was sought.

Since then the factory has returned to profitability as falling fossil fuel costs and a plummeting dollar have helped it achieve rising sales in the United States, where it sends about 90 per cent of its paper for use in

## + VISIT COMING

The U.S. Department of Commerce website provided little detail on why the decision was made, but says officials with the agency will visit the Canadian mill prior to a final decision expected in mid-October.

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Dube says the rescue package shouldn't be considered a subsidy under free trade rules because a portion was in loans that can still be repaid, and about half of the funds came in return for the company's sale of land to the province.

The U.S. Department of Commerce says it will announce a decision on the duty by Oct. 14. The matter could then go to the U.S. International Trade Commission for additional hearings, with a decision made by Dec. 10.

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## POLITICS

# Funeral for Flora MacDonald to take place Sunday in Ottawa

The funeral for the late Flora MacDonald will be held this Sunday at 2 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa.

The North Sydney native died July 26 at the Windsor Park Manor in Ottawa. She was 89. A former member of Parliament and federal cabinet minister, MacDonald was also widely regarded for her humanitarian work around the globe.

MacDonald is survived by her brother, Ron MacDonald, sisters Jean Grearson, Sheila Muttart and Lorna Hogan, and nieces and nephews.

The family has noted that memorial donations can be made to Care Canada, P.O. Box 2359, Station Main, Winnipeg, Man., R3C 4A6, or online at www.care.ca.

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# Getting Domestic Eccentric

## BACKSTAGE PASS

### Old Man Luedecke exposes family life on album

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Chris Luedecke stands in sock feet in the front entrance of his rural Chester home, searching for a copy of his latest album amidst the heaps of toys scattered across the floor.

The father of three young daughters smiles bashfully as he passes me Domestic Eccentric and a single egg laid by one of his chickens, which are kept in a coup in the backyard.

It was a genuine and delightful epitomization of the title of Old Man Luedecke's new album: Domestic Eccentric — one that still brings a smile to my face.

Recorded in a small cabin that he built with his bare hands in the backyard, Domestic Eccentric explores the peaks and valleys of parenthood in a perfectly stripped-down ode to love and happiness.

It's an absolute triumph for modern folk music and a personal window into Luedecke's experiences as a husband and as a father watching his babies grow.

"Having kids and balancing my career ... it's just



Old Man Luedecke stands in front of his backwoods cabin in the Chester area. CONTRIBUTED

**“It's sort of a return to where I started, which is more of just me and my banjo.”**  
Old Man Luedecke

been madness and so it's kind of nice to have that reflected in the songs because it's what a lot of people are going through and it's not well written about in popular music,” the banjo-wielding musician said recently during an interview in his cabin.

On a sunny day in June, the walk from Luedecke's driveway past his wife's pottery studio and down a stone path to the cabin is a pleasant one.

But in early March, record amounts of snow were standing between Luedecke and his makeshift record-

ing studio in the woods. He hired heavy machinery to plow a path and haul in recording gear.

There, Luedecke and Grammy award-winning American bluegrass musician Tim O'Brien spent a week recording Domestic Eccentric together in a live format with almost zero overdubbing.

“Because of the nature of the songs and the nature of my life right now with children, I just felt like bringing my life that's on the

road to my home,” said Luedecke, whose impassioned harmonies with O'Brien act as a musical conversation throughout the album.

“I wrote a lot of the songs in this room and I just really wanted there to be a sense of life and comfort and honesty. It's about trying not to cover up the songs with anything in the studio ... just to have the songs be the thing that you hear.”

Inside Luedecke's white cabin with green trim,

stringed instruments lean against almost every wall, ready to be picked up and turned horizontal at any moment. On a windowsill are a dozen books propped up by a half-empty bottle of Famous Grouse whisky.

Luedecke grabs his banjo and belts out the album's first single The Early Days, his rustic voice filling every corner of the cosy space.

“You got to hold on. It goes so fast. Those early days well, they won't last,” he sang, crossing one leg over the other on a bar stool as sun poured through a diamond-shaped window at the peak of the cabin.

If family is something you value in life, this song will feel very personal, like Luedecke is speaking directly to you on behalf of your emotions. In fact, much of the album feels that way.

Catch Old Man Luedecke at the Deep Roots Music Festival in Wolfville, taking place Sept. 25 to 27.

## + BIO

- Old Man Luedecke, or Chris Luedecke, is a singer-songwriter and banjo player from Chester.
- His 2008 album, Proof of Love, won a 2009 Juno Award for traditional folk album of the year.
- His 2012 album Tender Is The Night won album of the year at the East Coast Music Awards and was listed for the Polaris Music Prize.



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## WOLFVILLE

### An education in cycling safety

Eco-Kings summer students Kaitlyn Bell has undertaken some bicycle safety education work in Wolfville.

Some of it has been chalk work as Bell painted “no cycling” images as temporary signage on downtown sidewalks.

Coun. David Mangle, who is an avid cyclist, says the educational effort was lined up for two reasons: It is illegal to ride on sidewalks and it is unsafe for a number of reasons.

“We want to encourage safe passage for pedestrians,” Mangle said.

For the last two years, regular pedestrian Joan Boutilier, who is legally blind and physically active, has been pushing for cyclists to stay on the road.

The Wolfville resident has appeared before town council twice because “cyclists ignore the law, use sidewalks as bike lanes, and zip by with no warning, oblivious to the danger they pose to vulnerable seniors, the blind, the deaf, and members of our beloved L'Arche community.”

Cyclists not wearing helmets and without lights at night are other important safety issues, Mangle said.

Sometimes, he added, a

## + UNVEILED

A community bicycle safety stand was unveiled last month in the Clock Park in Wolfville.

reminder is required about walking bikes across crosswalks and major intersections.

While she's not a frequent cyclist, Bell said she has timed several popular rides and wants to encourage bike use.

“It's eight minutes from El-derkin's to downtown and it's 13 minutes to the lights in Greenwich. That's not really that long,” she noted.

Mangle said improvements to the rail trail and better bike lanes were both recommended in the town's 2011 transportation study.

Paving the rail corridor will make it usable year-round and provide a better surface for youth and those with disabilities.

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## STUDY

## Youths troubled by social media

**Michael Woods**  
For Metro

A new study of Ottawa middle and high school students shows that frequent use of social networking sites is associated with poor mental health among children and adolescents.

The Ottawa Public Health study shows that youth who report using sites such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for more than two hours a day also reported poor mental health, psychological distress, suicidal thoughts or an unmet need for mental-health support.

"Parents should consider frequent use of SNSs (social networking sites) as a possible indicator of, or risk for, mental health problems among children," the study said.

The study examined responses from 753 Ottawa students to the Ontario Student Drug Use and Health Survey in 2013.

Lead study author Dr. Hugues Sampasa-Kanyinga said there has been some investigation of the effects of social networking on university-aged students, but little was known about its association with middle and high school students.

The study doesn't establish causality; mental health problems could be caused by a high use of social networking sites or vice versa, or both. Sampasa-Kanyinga said more study is needed to disentangle the relationship between social networking sites and mental health among children and adolescents.

"The simple use of social networking sites cannot explain this association because social networking by itself is not bad," Sampasa-Kanyinga said. "We think this is a complex relationship."

But, he said, it's possible that children with mental-health problems use social networking sites as a coping strategy or escape because they're feeling isolated.

But the study says frequent use of social networks should be seen as an indicator to support children, and that public health and other service providers could better use such sites to reach a vulnerable population.

"We need public health organizations and service providers to be more present on social networking ... to provide more support to kids who are in need," he said.

# Tories seek free-trade deal before campaign kickoff

## TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

## Harper poised to sign off on international blockbuster

The Conservatives are anxiously hoping to sign off on a massive free-trade deal before kicking off an election campaign that's expected to start as early as Sunday.

CBC reported that Prime Minister Stephen Harper will head to Rideau Hall in Ottawa on Sunday or Monday to ask Gov. Gen. David Johnston to dissolve Parliament to call a federal election as early as Aug. 2.

The federal government is at the negotiating table in Hawaii, where Trans-Pacific Partnership talks are reportedly in their final stages.

With voting day set for Oct. 19, the governing Tories want

to launch the campaign with the deal in hand — an agreement they could brandish as evidence of their economic stewardship.

The partnership, a pact between 12 countries including Canada, the U.S., Mexico and Japan, is poised to become the biggest trade deal in history once ratified.

Experts say if the talks continue after the start of the campaign, they could prove politically sensitive for the

**“Canada cannot be left out of this kind of trade arrangement.”**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

government.

In particular, Canada is under pressure from other countries to lower the high tariffs that currently protect

domestic producers of eggs, milk, cheese and poultry from foreign competition.

In an interview with Bloomberg, Harper is insisting the government will protect the interests of every Canadian industry "as best we can."

Harper says the negotiations are "well advanced" and that Canada "cannot be left out of this kind of trade arrangement."

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper steps out of his residence at 24 Sussex Drive in Ottawa in June. He's expected to call a federal election as early as Sunday.

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## CANADIANS REMEMBERED

## Condolences shared for avalanche victims

Two Montrealers who died in an avalanche while hiking in New Zealand were remembered on Wednesday as avid outdoorsmen as well as students who were talented, creative and involved.

New Zealand police confirmed that the two bodies found in debris near a popular hiking track were those of Louis-Vincent Lessard and Etienne Lemieux, who were both Université de Montréal industrial design students.

"They were marked by an overwhelming enthusiasm and

infectious good mood," Fabienne Munch, the faculty of design's director, said in a statement published on the university's website.

"The school of design, its professors and classroom staff will remember their commitment and their charming smiles."

On Facebook, a page that was set up to help locate the 23-year-old students when they went missing turned into a memorial with hundreds of messages of condolence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## IN BRIEF

### London-bound plane forced to land in Montreal

A London-bound plane carrying more than 300 people from the United States was forced to land in Montreal on Wednesday because of a bomb threat, police said.

The evacuation went smoothly, police said.

Police received a call about 40 minutes before the British Airways plane touched down at Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau International Airport.

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## SUPREME COURT

## Long-term expats seek vote ban repeal

Two Canadians stripped of the right to vote because of their lengthy stay abroad are hoping the Supreme Court of Canada will hear the case, their lawyer said Wednesday.

Shaun O'Brien said last week's split Appeal Court decision affirming the voting ban prompted an outpouring of support.

"There's been a strong response," O'Brien said in an interview.

"People (have been) reaching

out to us — expats living around the world — who are very disappointed and dismayed by the decision, and who are urging us to move forward and who are offering their support."

Among those unhappy with losing their right to vote is veteran Canadian actor Donald Sutherland, an Officer of the Order of Canada.

Regardless, there will be no decision before the next federal election, which will happen Oct. 19 at the latest. THE CANADIAN PRESS



# Officer who killed driver faces murder charge

## CINCINNATI

## Race could be a factor in traffic stop shooting investigation

A University of Cincinnati police officer who shot a motorist during a traffic stop over a missing front licence plate has been indicted on murder charges, a prosecutor said Wednesday, adding that the officer "purposely killed him."

Prosecutor Joe Deters announced the grand jury indictment at a news conference to discuss developments in the investigation into the July 19 shooting of 43-year-old motorist Samuel DuBose by officer Ray Tensing.

DuBose's death comes amid months of national scrutiny of police dealings with African-Americans, especially those killed by officers. DuBose was black. Tensing is white. Authorities haven't indicated whether race was a part of the investigation.

Authorities have said Tensing spotted the car driven by DuBose and missing the front license plate, which is required by Ohio law. They say Tensing stopped the car and a struggle ensued after DuBose refused to provide a driver's license and get out of the car.

Tensing has said he was dragged by the car and forced to shoot at DuBose. He fired one shot, striking DuBose in the head.

But Deters dismissed Tensing's claim that he was dragged by the car and suggested that he shouldn't have pulled DuBose over to begin with.



From left, family members Audrey DuBose, Aubrey DuBose, Cleshawn DuBose and Terina Allen listen as their attorney Mark O'Mara, left, speaks to the media after murder and manslaughter charges against University of Cincinnati police officer Ray Tensing were announced for the shooting death of Samuel DuBose, on Wednesday in Cincinnati. JOHN MINCHILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"He fell backward after he shot (DuBose) in the head," Deters said.

A warrant was issued for Tensing's arrest. Deters said Tensing could either turn himself in or officers could arrest him.

Tensing's attorney, Stewart Mathews, didn't immediately return phone messages seeking comment after Deters' announcement.

Mathews said earlier Wednesday that he thought an indictment was likely "given the political climate" and com-

**“He purposely killed him. He should never have been a police officer.”** Prosecutor Joe Deters

ments made by city officials. But Mathews said given the evidence he's seen, he doesn't believe there should be an indictment.

Body-camera video of the shooting was also released Wednesday. DuBose's family had been pressing for its release, and news organizations including The Associated Press had sued Deters to get it released

under Ohio open records law, but Deters released it before any ruling had been made.

Deters called the shooting "senseless" and "asinine."

"He purposely killed him," Deters said. "He should never have been a police officer."

The prosecutor also said he thought it was time to reconsider the university police

department's role.

"I don't think a university should be in the policing business," Deters said.

A message for comment was left Wednesday with the police department. The university said earlier this week it plans an independent review of its police department's policies.

The University of Cincinnati on Wednesday closed its main campus in anticipation of grand jury action in the case.

If convicted, Tensing could face up to life in prison.

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## ZIMBABWE

## Lion kill deemed illegal

A hunting guide and a farm owner appeared in court Wednesday on allegations they helped an American dentist kill a protected lion named Cecil, and the head of Zimbabwe's safari association said the big cat was unethically lured into the kill zone and denied "a chance of a fair chase."

The Zimbabwean men were accused of aiding Walter James Palmer, who reportedly paid \$50,000 to track and kill the black-maned lion. Zimbabwe police have said they are looking for Palmer, whose exact whereabouts were unknown.

During the nighttime hunt, the men tied a dead animal to their car to draw the lion out of a national park, said Johnny Rodrigues, chairman of the Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force.

The American is believed to have shot it with a crossbow, injuring the cat. The wounded lion was tracked for 40 hours before Palmer fatally shot it with a gun, Rodrigues said.

A professional hunter named Theo Bronkhorst was accused of failing to "prevent an unlawful hunt." Court documents say Bronkhorst was supervising while Palmer shot the animal.

Bronkhorst was released on \$1,000 bail after appearing at the Hwange magistrate's court, about 700 kilometres west of the capital Harare, according to his defence lawyer, Givemore Muvhiringi.

If convicted, Bronkhorst faces up to 15 years in prison.

A second man, farm owner Honest Trymore Ndlovu, also appeared in court but was not charged and was released from custody, his lawyer Tonderai Makuku said.

Using bait to lure the lion is deemed unethical by the Safari Operators Association of Zimbabwe, of which Bronkhorst is a member. The association has since revoked his licence.

Palmer remained secluded Wednesday in the face of protests at his clinic and the online furor.

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## + PALMER

### U.S. lion hunter has Alberta connection

There appears to be a Canadian connection to a U.S. hunter at the centre of a social media storm for killing a protected lion in Africa. The Bowhunting Records of Alberta list a person named Walter Palmer who legally killed a mule deer in the province in October 2006.

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## NEW MEXICO

## Police dispatcher resigns over call

A teenager who called police but was told by a dispatcher to "deal with it yourself" before being hung up on said Wednesday she was panicked about a friend being shot but stayed as calm as possible.

Seventeen-year-old Esperanza Quintero told The Associated Press that she wished dispatcher Matthew Sanchez had done more to help after her friend Jaydon Chavez-Silver was shot in June. He later died.

In the recording, Quintero

snaps at Sanchez for repeatedly asking whether Chavez-Silver is breathing.

Sanchez resigned Tuesday, a day after the recording of the call was released. He was employed by the department for 10 years.

Fire Department spokeswoman Melissa Romero said Sanchez had dispatched an ambulance to the scene before her friend Jaydon Chavez-Silver was shot in June. He later died. In the recording, Quintero

## IN BRIEF

### Teacher pleads not guilty to sex with students

A teacher accused of having sex with students has pleaded not guilty.

Keavin Keith, 30, a teacher in Louisiana, was indicted earlier this month on 30 counts of prohibited sexual conduct between an educator and a student.

Sheriff Brett Stassi Sr. says the investigation revealed Keith was allegedly having sexual relations with two other students.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

## AFGHANISTAN

## Taliban leader died 2 years ago: Agency

Afghanistan's main intelligence agency said Wednesday that the reclusive Taliban leader Mullah Mohammad Omar has been dead for more than two years.

The one-eyed, secretive head of the Taliban hosted Osama Bin Laden's al-Qaida in the years leading up to the Sept. 11 attacks and then waged a decade-long insurgency against U.S. troops after the 2001 invasion that ended Taliban rule.

He has not been seen in public since fleeing the invasion

over the border into Pakistan.

Abdul Hassib Sediqi, the spokesman for Afghanistan's National Directorate of Security, said Mullah Omar died in a hospital in the Pakistani city of Karachi in April 2013.

"We confirm officially that he is dead," he told The Associated Press.

It was not immediately clear why his death was only being announced now. The Taliban could not be reached for comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



# World economy still fragile

## FINANCE

## IMF says global markets are recovering but face risks

International Monetary Fund (IMF) chief Christine Lagarde says the world economy is recovering, but fragile, and "faces some downside risks."

In an online news conference Wednesday, Lagarde described the United States as "a strong performer" and China as "resilient" despite a recent drop in Chinese stock prices.

She also expressed optimism for the 19 countries that use the euro. The IMF expects the euro-zone economy to grow 1.5 per cent this year and 1.7 per cent in 2016; it expanded just 0.8 per cent in 2014.

"The euro area is beginning to turn the corner ... We have a more upbeat forecast than we



**IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde, speaks during a news conference after the IMFC in April. On Wednesday, Lagarde described the U.S. as a strong economic performer, and predicted growth in China and the European Union.** JOSE LUIS MAGANA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

have in a long time," she said.

Lagarde called again for Greece's creditors to reduce its debt burden. She said Greece needs to enact reforms that will

make its economy more efficient and expressed confidence that the IMF can work with Greece's left-wing government, which has criticized IMF policies.

"There are lots of things that you say (in politics)," she said. "What matters at the end of the day is what you do."

Lagarde noted that a drop in

worldwide commodity prices is likely to hurt emerging market economies. And the global economy could face fallout if the Federal Reserve raises short-term U.S. interest rates, which it has kept near zero since late 2008. Fed Chair Janet Yellen has said a rate increase is likely this year. Lagarde has urged the Fed to delay the rate hike until 2016, citing the global economy's fragility.

The IMF managing director said Japan's attempts to boost its economy through easy money policies, government spending and economic reforms — an effort called "Abenomics" after Prime Minister Shinzo Abe — "is turning out to be positive."

Lagarde shrugged off a recent selloff in Chinese stocks, noting that China's shares are still 80 per cent higher than they were a year ago.

The IMF expects Chinese economy to grow 6.8 per cent this year, fast by global standards but the slowest for China since 1990.

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## IN BRIEF

### Yahoo Livetext app aims to make video chat private

Imagine making a video call without other people being able to listen in. Yahoo is trying to make that happen with Livetext, a new app that seeks to make video calling as private as texting. Yahoo says video calls can be better than texts for expressing emotions. The app will be released Thursday in the U.S., Canada, Germany, France and the U.K. for Apple and Android devices.

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## VERTICALSCOPE

## Torstar buys majority stake in digital media firm

Torstar Corp. is tapping into the world of niche online forums by picking up a stake in VerticalScope Holdings Inc., a Canadian company that serves the appetites of car fanatics and offers tips to pet lovers.

The publisher of the Toronto Star, which ditched its Harlequin romance novel business last year for \$455 million, is spending \$200 million for a 56 per cent stake in the digital media company.

"We've been assessing opportunities to employ capital that resulted from the Harlequin sale for over a year now," chief executive David Holland told analysts on Wednesday as Torstar reported a quarterly loss.

"It's an important step forward in the transformation of Torstar, positioning the company for growth in its more digitally oriented future."

Torstar was hit by another quarter where the downturn of

### The investment in the business provides Torstar exposure to the U.S. economy.

Torstar CEO David Holland

print advertising revenue overshadowed its efforts to reduce costs across the operations. The

company reported a loss attributable to shareholders of \$1.1 million or a penny per share for the quarter ending June 30, compared with a profit of \$19.7 million a year ago.

VerticalScope could offer relief from some of the troubles with its more than 600 consumer enthusiast online forums and premium content sites.

VerticalScope is based in Toronto and has about 130 employees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## REAL ESTATE

## Breaking Bad home on the market for \$1.6M

Two houses featured on the hit AMC-TV series Breaking Bad are up for sale in Albuquerque.

A mother-daughter realty team said this week they are helping sell the home where the fictitious Jesse Pinkman made methamphetamine on the hit show. The house in Albuquerque's Country Club area is listed for \$1.6 million.

Susan C. Feil and Alicia Feil

Peterson of Coldwell Banker Legacy also listed another house that appeared in the series finale in Albuquerque's North Valley.

Breaking Bad follows former high school teacher Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston, producing methamphetamine with a former student, Jesse Pinkman, played by Aaron Paul. The series ended in 2013.

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## URBAN ETIQUETTE: ELLEN VANSTONE ON PEEING IN PUBLIC



### THE QUESTION

**In my country, men's urinals have privacy barriers, but in Canada there are none and I suffer performance anxiety in the washroom. What is your advice?**

Dear Ellen,

In my country, men's urinals have privacy barriers, but in Canada, there are none and I suffer performance anxiety in the washroom when I'm trying to urinate. What is your advice?

F.X.

Dear F.X.

I am not familiar with the etiquette of men's washrooms, so I've never heard of this problem. I can tell you that many women are irritated by the lack of stalls in many public venues, which means we have to spend most of our time during intermissions at movies and concerts, and between innings or quarters at sporting events, lining up to wait for a stall — but at least we do have privacy when we finally get into one. So I heartily sympathize with your problem.

I have consulted a male friend from L.A. about this, and he says he's had the same problem. According to him, most washrooms in the U.S. have privacy barriers, except for the urinal at Dodger Stadium, which he describes as basically a "trough."

But when he's in Canada, even when his bladder is bursting, he can't "go" when there are men on either side of him. The thought that they are "checking him out" when he's trying to relieve himself makes it impossible for him to proceed with the business at hand.

His solution is to take out his phone and read his emails, which takes his mind off the men to his left and right. Then he's fine to do what he needs to do. I'm not sure this would work for everyone, but I'm not sure what else to suggest. If other



Ani Castillo

male readers have encountered this problem and have any suggestions, I'd love to hear them.

While we're on the topic, I may as well put in a word about the stupidity of equipping public washrooms with cheap toilet paper. Just the other day, I was in a ladies' room where another woman was in a stall, cursing and hurling small bits of toilet paper on the floor, because it kept ripping off in little pieces every time she tried to pull off a few squares from the humungous but unmovable role of tissue in the dispenser.

I commiserated with her, and we discussed what a perfect example this was of false economy. Presumably

the management bought cheap toilet paper to save money, but since management types are not the people who have to pick up millions of little bits of toilet paper off the floor, perhaps they don't realize how much is wasted.

As for women who "hover" over the toilet seat in order to avoid touching it, fair enough. But if you're going to spray all over the seat, it's only polite to wipe it afterwards, in consideration of the next person.

And I hope I don't have to tell anyone, male or female, to wash their hands afterwards, right?

**Need advice?**  
**Email Ellen**

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## ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

### Here's hoping we're seeing changes to the military's culture

This is it.

Canada's military leadership has the chance to prove that it will spare no one in the fight to rid the forces of sexual misconduct.

The signs so far are hopeful. A high ranking, "up-and-coming" officer — Lt.-Col. Mason Stalker — is facing 10 sex-related charges after a male victim came forward to military police in April.

The allegations stem from Stalker's time as a cadet volunteer in Edmonton between 1998 and 2007.

Stalker will be tried in civilian court and that, says lawyer Michel Drapeau, is a significant move, given the military typically tries the cases internally. Drapeau, who has represented military sexual assault victims, said he now expects civilian trials will be the norm. (A Canadian Forces spokeswoman said military investigators will make that decision on a case-by-case basis). Civilian trials would be a critical improvement, given widespread condemnation of the military's handling of sexual-misconduct allegations, as detailed in the damning report by retired Supreme Court Justice Marie Deschamps, released earlier this year.

The Deschamps report identified a shocking lack of justice amid a culture of "endemic" sexual misconduct — a culture vividly illustrated by former chief of defence staff

Gen. Tom Lawson last month when he blamed the problem on biological wiring.

Despite the fact civilian courts have taken over Stalker's case, the military is — rightly — continuing to investigate. So I hope it will answer a few pressing questions for me: Did others in the military know about the alleged assaults? If so, what did they do with that information?

The military will be judged not just for catching a single big fish, but also by its efforts to smoke out low-level players — those who witnessed, overheard, or otherwise knew about allegations — and punish them.

There will be no cleansing of the military's sexually-poisoned culture until it targets those who look the other way.

Last week, the new top soldier, Gen. Jonathan Vance, foreshadowed the Stalker charges, promising "changes and announcements in the near future" to show he's serious about tackling sexual assault.

I expect, then, not to wait much longer for the results of an ongoing military investigation into an alleged sexual assault at the prestigious Royal Military College in Kingston, Ont., which has already taken over two months.

Here's hoping we're seeing the beginning of deep changes. They can't come quickly enough.

### THE MICROTREND: One more blow to Ebola



Though Ebola hysteria has blown over, the West African outbreak still has not. But this week saw some good news. The World Health Organization reported only seven new infections, the lowest in more than a year. But don't schedule a goodbye party just yet — the WHO was careful to say about 2,000 people who have been exposed to Ebola in the last 21 days are still walking around in Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone: The crisis could reignite any time. SOURCE: WHO

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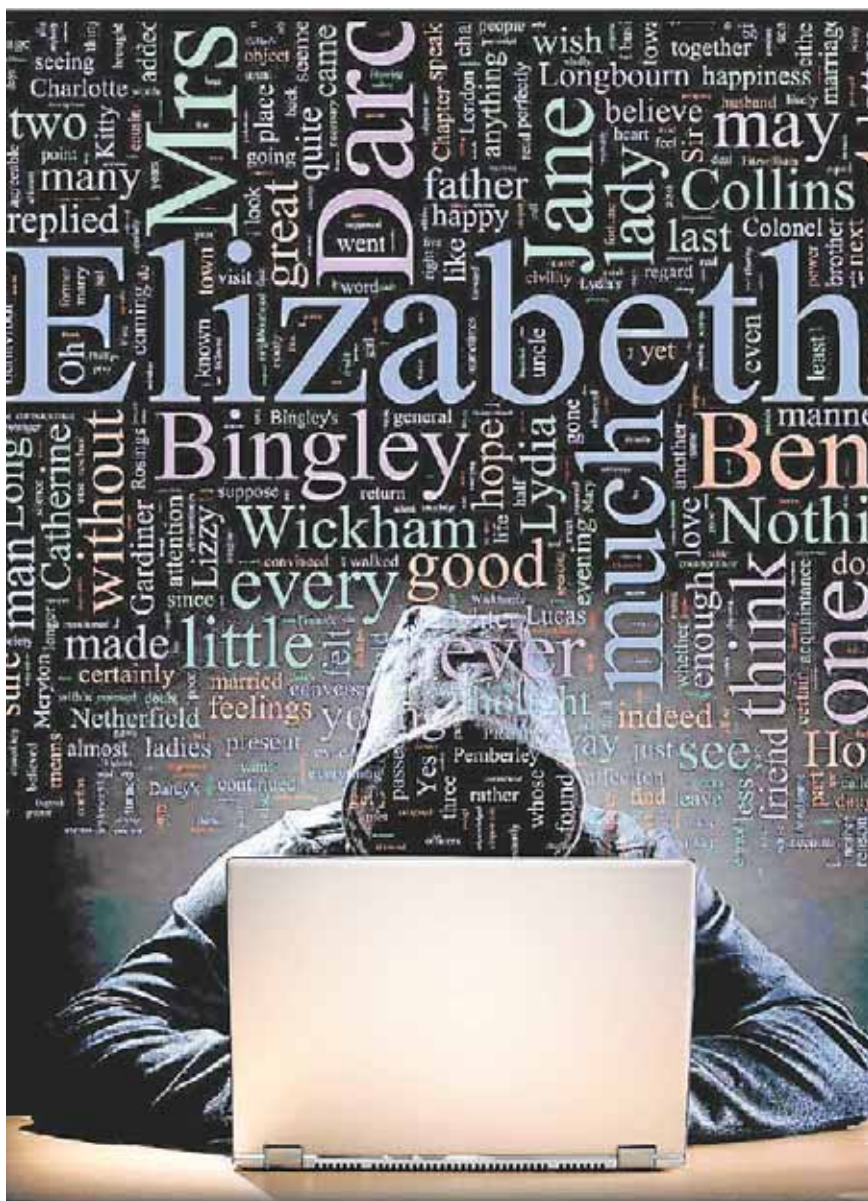
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Hackers are using literary text to hide malware. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION: JASON LOGAN/METRO; IMAGES: ISTOCK

## Sense and hackability

19TH CENTURY CODE

### Malware takes a page (literally) from a Jane Austen novel

It would be a shock, a terrible shock, to Elinor Dashwood and the other characters in *Sense and Sensibility*, to see this happening.

Unbeknownst to her or author Jane Austen, it seems that hackers from the 21st century are appropriating text from the 19th-century classic novel to spread malicious software.

Researchers from Cisco Security said in a report released Tuesday that literary passages are becoming a new way to hide malicious code that allows hackers unlawful entry into computers and networks.

"Adding passages of classic text to an exploit kit landing page is a more effective obfuscation technique than the traditional approach of using random text," said researchers in their mid-year security report.

"The use of text from more contemporary works such as magazines and blogs is another effective strategy. Antivirus and other security solutions are more likely to categorize the web page as legitimate after 'reading' such text."

Cisco researchers said encountering references to Austen characters on a web page "may be perplexing but not a cause for immediate concern."

Jason Brvenik, a Cisco engineer, said it remains a mystery about who is behind the literary hacking or why that novel was chosen over others.

"It is a seemingly random selection but it always from that book," he said.

Still, the technique opens the door for dastardly exploits from computer hackers, according to Cisco.

Hackers can deliver a variety

of malicious "payloads" through these tools, according to Cisco, including "ransomware," a growing technique that locks a user's files unless a ransom is paid.

The researchers said this is just one example about how hackers are innovating to find ways around computer protection.

"Hackers, being unencumbered, have the upper hand in agility, innovation and brazenness," Brvenik said.

"We see this time and again, whether it is nation-state actors, malware, exploit kits or ransomware." AFP

### + LITERARY SMACKDOWNS

**Use every hack in the book**  
If Jane Austen-loving hackers had a malicious sense of humour, here's what their malware quotes would attack:

• **Snapchat** "Life seems but a quick succession of busy nothings." (*Mansfield Park*)

• **Twitter** "To flatter and follow others, without being flattered and followed in turn, is but a state of half enjoyment." (*Persuasion*)

• **iTunes** "Without music, life would be a blank to me." (*Emma*)

• **Tinder** "She is tolerable, but not handsome enough to tempt me." (*Pride and Prejudice*)

• **Facebook** "I will not torment myself any longer by remaining among friends whose society it is impossible to enjoy." (*Sense and Sensibility*)

• **Humblebrags** "Nothing is more deceitful than the appearance of humility. It is often only carelessness of opinion, and sometimes an indirect boast." (*Pride and Prejudice*)

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## Hammer didn't know he was nude



Armie Hammer

The joys of young parenthood can sometimes cloud your judgment, as *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.* star Armie Hammer learned.

"I found out today that I have nude pictures on my phone," he tells Jimmy Kimmel. The revelation came after discussing his 8-month-old daughter with a hairstylist. "The lady said, 'Do you have any pictures of your daughter?' I said, 'Of course! I've got tons of pictures!'" he explains. "I'm going through my phone ... and I get to pictures where ... she's kind of lounging on the sink and she looks like she's having the time of her life. I'm showing her these pictures and I'm like, 'Look at how cute she is! We're in the bathroom. She's just right in the bathtub.' And after showing her these pictures for about 30 seconds I realize that I'm standing fully nude in the mirror of this bathroom as I'm showing her these pictures. As quickly and casually as possible, I went, 'Anyway, you get the picture!'" NED EHRBAR/FOR METRO

# Affleck denies dating the nanny



According to *US Weekly*, Ben Affleck is dating his kids' nanny. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

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### Who doesn't love a good divorce cliché? Garner, for one



Ned Ehrbar

Here's a classic: Ben Affleck is reportedly following up his split from Jennifer Garner by shacking up with ... his kids' nanny, Christine Ouzounian, according to *US*

Weekly.

Come on, Ben. That's just tacky. Have you learned nothing from *Jude Law*?

Anyway, Ouzounian stared working for Affleck and Garner during the couple's alleged secret 10-month trial separation, and sparks just kind of started flying. As they do. "They would hang out without the kids, and they were very flirty," a source says. "She says Ben really, really likes her. She's saying this is true love." Of course she is.

Because a grumpy movie star just out of a 10-year marriage is what relationship stability is made of.

Garner, as you might imagine, was not so pleased when

she reportedly found out about their extracurricular dealings and promptly fired the Arizona State University grad.

But spell-check defier Ouzounian has still been in text and email contact with Affleck and even spent some time at his newly minted L.A. bachelor pad earlier this month. So there.

Affleck, for his part, is having none of this nanny-dating story.

His rep tells *E!* News that the "story is not true. It's tabloid journalism hiding behind blind sources. It's a shameful ploy to stay relevant for the magazine. We are considering legal options." Oh snap.

## + BERRY ON THE BRINK, TATUM'S GAMBIT

### Is Halle Berry's marriage on the rocks?

The latest contestant on *Hollywood Wedding Ring* watch is apparently Halle Berry, who is getting attention this week for showing up for some child-minding duties sans gold band.

And sorrowful sources tell *Radar Online* that the omission was no mere oversight.

"It seems Halle and (husband) Olivier (Martinez) have finally hit the end of the road," a source says.

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### Channing Tatum looking to get out of *Gambit*

There's potential trouble in superhero land, as Channing Tatum is reportedly eyeing a swift exit from Fox's stand-alone film *Gambit*, about the fan-favourite Cajun mutant, according to the *Wrap*.

Tatum's reps are said to be in active discussions with the studio, but "something is up." Tatum is also involved with the project as a producer, and it's unclear if he'll stay on in that capacity should he bow out of starring.

The film is set to be released in October 2016, and Tatum appeared earlier this month at Comic-Con to hype it.

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## Drake slugs Meek Mill with diss track, Joe Carter pic

Touch 'em all, Drake.

The Toronto rapper invoked beloved ex-Blue Jays slugger Joe Carter with his latest shot in his ongoing feud with rapper Meek Mill. The Grammy winner issued *Back to Back* overnight, accompanied by a photo of Carter's triumphant trot following his World Series-winning walk-off home run in 1993. Of course, Toronto's opponent that year was Philadelphia — Mill's home town. After *Charged Up*, it's Drake's second lyrical response to Mill, who alleged on Twitter recently that Drake doesn't write his own rhymes. On *Back to Back*, the 28-year-old Drake takes several shots at Mill's relationship to rap titan Nicki Minaj, a longtime cohort of Drake's whom Mill is currently supporting on tour.



Drake

"You love her, then you gotta give the world to her," Drake raps. "Is that a world tour or your girl's tour?" Minaj performed in Toronto on Tuesday and allowed Mill to make a cameo appearance during her headlining set. Several fan-shot videos depict Mill being heartily booed by the partisan Toronto crowd.

Posted early Wednesday morning, Drake's freestyle seems to reference the fresh incident.

"I mean, whoa, can't fool the city man, they know what's up."

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**\$233,900**

### Winnipeg

Phase 1 of Oxbow of Tuxedo Point is a new, multi-unit condo development now under construction on the Sterling Lyon Parkway. \$233,900 is the starting price for a one-bedroom suite, with occupancy slated for late fall 2015. The suites offer engineered hardwood floors, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. The development by Towers Realty Group and Pre-Con Builders is situated between a retail shopping complex and the greenery of Assiniboine Forest Park. For more information contact 204-255-8436 or visit [oxbowcondos.com](http://oxbowcondos.com).



**\$255,000**

### Calgary

Built by the Qualex-Landmark Group, Park Point's 34-storey, mixed-use residential tower features 289 suites and overlooks historic Central Memorial Park, one of Canada's oldest urban parks. Located in the heart of Calgary's Beltline, Park Point will host nearly 9,000 sq. ft. of owner-accessible building amenities atop the tower podium. Residents will enjoy panoramic views of the city and the park, in Calgary's rapidly evolving urban city centre. For more information contact 403-244-2428 or visit [qualex.ca](http://qualex.ca).



**\$264,000**

### Toronto

Here's a 482-sq.-ft., one-bedroom suite at Islington Terrace by Tridel, currently in pre-construction in the historic Islington Village neighbourhood. The transit-friendly community offers quick access to the Islington subway station and Mississauga Transit terminal. The building is located close to shopping and restaurants along the Kingsway on Bloor. There's 50,000 sq. ft. of amenity space including a fitness centre, indoor pool and outdoor terrace. For more information call 416-645-8862, or email [islingtonterrace@tridel.com](mailto:islingtonterrace@tridel.com).



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### Ottawa

Cathedral Hill by Windmill Developments is currently under construction on the western edge of downtown. Featured is the one-bedroom Corus suite at 743 sq. ft. The condo promises exceptional views of the Ottawa River, Gati-neau Park, Parliament Hill and Sparks Street. The full range of lifestyle amenities includes an executive concierge. This sustainable development is targeting LEED gold standard, and offers the convenience of downtown living within natural green surroundings. Contact Chantal Smith at 613-566-7010 for more information.



**\$329,900**

### Vancouver

Kensington Gardens is a new master-planned community by Vancouver developer Westbank. The featured price is for a 568-sq.-ft., one-bedroom condo suite. Each unit features open balconies or terraces. Kensington Gardens is an integrated urban community comprising three unique residential towers, a collection of townhouses and a residential podium, linked by an elevated landscaped courtyard. The development boasts five-star, hotel-quality amenities. Call 604-620-7886 or visit [kensingtongardens.ca](http://kensingtongardens.ca) for more information.



**\$310,000**

### Edmonton

Link condos at Ellerslie is a new, eight-storey midrise building by Regency Developments in the MacEwan neighbourhood of South Edmonton. The concrete and steel structure has 105 suites, and the underground parkade is now under construction to be completed in late 2016. There's plenty of greenery and landscaping. All balconies have natural gas hookups and there's a full rooftop patio. The development is close to amenities with quick access to the rest of the city. For more information, contact 780-497-1700 or visit [linkellerslie.ca](http://linkellerslie.ca).



# Pens deeper with recent moves



Additions to the Penguins forward corps could take the offensive load off the shoulders of Evgeni Malkin, left, and Sidney Crosby. JUSTIN K. ALLER/GETTY IMAGES

## NHL Forwards Kessel, Fehr, Bonino all added in July

Forget about the March of the Penguins. This is the July of the Penguins.

Pittsburgh general manager Jim Rutherford has completely revamped his forward group this month, adding more star power on the wing in Phil Kessel and plenty of depth with centre Nick Bonino and forward Eric Fehr. While the Penguins looked on shaky ground with difficult salary-cap situation after a first-round exit, they could now be primed for another few long playoff runs.

That's a strong possibility because the Penguins still have Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin in their primes and because Rutherford has gone about addressing past problems. Now there are enough established veterans and young players with potential to overcome cap issues and injuries if they arise this season.

"Based on what we went through last year with a number of injuries and everything, I like our depth at forward now," Rutherford said on a conference



Nick Bonino, left, and Eric Fehr GETTY IMAGES

call Tuesday. "We do know that injuries are going to play a part here, and some of these (young players) are going to get their opportunity."

Last season Pittsburgh dressed 24 different forwards because of injuries and trades. Many were far from productive, leaving Crosby and Malkin to shoulder the bulk of the offensive load.

On opening night the Penguins could feature a top nine of Crosby, Malkin, Kessel, Bonino, Chris Kunitz, Pascal Dupuis, David Perron, Patric Hornqvist and Beau Bennett, with Fehr stepping in once he's back from elbow surgery. And those spots aren't set in stone, as Rutherford expects a competitive training camp and season under coach Mike Johnston.

"It's not like guys are automatically put in a top-six or in the top-nine," Rutherford said. "We have

enough good players now that guys are really going to have to compete for those spots and compete for them all year. If a guy falls off, there's a guy waiting to jump right in there."

Put 2012 pick Oskar Sundqvist and free-agent addition Sergei Plotnikov in that category along with second-year players like Bryan Rust, Scott Wilson and Bobby Farnham. Rust, Wilson and Farnham don't have flashy skill, but Rutherford believes the Penguins' bottom six is better than it has been.

Part of that has to do with trading Brandon Sutter to the Vancouver Canucks for Bonino, a move that saved enough cap space for the Penguins to sign Fehr to a \$6-million US, three-year deal.

"When you look at the structure of our salaries and our cap, it's important to get those bottom-six cap hits in better shape," said Rutherford, who took on \$6.8 million a season for the next seven years by acquiring Kessel. "We strengthened that position."

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Phil Kessel  
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We made a huge impact when we added Phil Kessel. He's a very powerful skater with a lot of speed.

Penguins GM Jim Rutherford

## MLB Tulo looking forward to future with Jays

Troy Tulowitzki is recovering from the shock of being traded, but he's ready to start winning.

The Blue Jays' newly acquired shortstop made it clear that he's ready to get down to work after Tuesday's blockbuster deal that sent him and reliever LaTroy Hawkins from the Colorado Rockies to Toronto in exchange for shortstop Jose Reyes, reliever Miguel Castro and minor-league pitchers Jeff Hoffman and Jesus Tinoco.

Tulowitzki, who played his entire 10-year career in Colorado, had long heard rumors

about being traded but expected Rockies ownership to tell him if he was going to be moved.

"To be with a different organization now is shocking," Tulowitzki said on Wednesday afternoon. "At the same time, I'm looking forward to the future because I see a winning team, a winning culture. I know they haven't won a World Series here in a while, so to be a part of something like that would be memorable."

"I think that's what you play this game for, to win. I think

+ FRESH START

In his Rockies debut, Jose Reyes was 1-for-3 with a walk and a stolen base. The four-time all-star batted second and singled in his first at-bat for Colorado.

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there's a great possibility here that that could happen and very soon."

Tulowitzki had only been in Rogers Centre for a couple

of hours when he spoke to reporters Wednesday afternoon, so the little things of being in the Blue Jays' organization still stuck out to him.

"I'm still shocked when I walk in to a clubhouse and it's not purple, it's different for me," said Tulowitzki, who said speaking with his family about the move put him at ease. "I think as games go on and I get some games under my belt and I meet these guys, go on a road trip, win some games, I think I'll feel more comfortable."

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Troy Tulowitzki called being traded from Colorado to Toronto "shocking." DARREN CALABRESE/THE CANADIAN PRESS





Patriots owner Robert Kraft  
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NFL

## Pats back Brady appeal

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady vowed to fight his four-game suspension on Wednesday, and team owner Robert Kraft opened training camp by saying he continues to "believe and unequivocally support" the three-time Super Bowl MVP.

"I was wrong to put my faith in the league," Kraft said.

Taking the podium a day after NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell upheld Brady's four-game suspension, Kraft angrily targeted the league for its handling of the case.

"The decision handed down by the league yesterday is unfathomable to me," he said. "I have come to the conclusion that this was never about doing what was fair and just."

Brady was suspended four games and the team was docked \$1 million and two draft picks after the league determined that the team provided improperly inflated footballs in the AFC championship game against the Indianapolis Colts. Investigator Ted Wells zeroed in on two equipment managers — one who called himself "The Deflator" — and said Brady was "at least generally aware" of the illegal deflation scheme.

The team has denied wrongdoing, but it fired the two equipment managers whose text messages included discussions of football inflation.

Kraft said he expected Brady's suspension to be reduced on appeal, and repeated the team's claim that the league failed to prove its case.

Brady broke his silence in a 507-word Facebook post earlier Wednesday in which he denied destroying his cellphone to keep it out of the hands of investigators.

"To suggest that I destroyed a phone to avoid giving the NFL information it requested is completely wrong," the three-time Super Bowl MVP said. "There is no 'smoking gun' and this controversy is manufactured to distract from the fact they have zero evidence of wrongdoing."

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# Little white lie began long para-sports career

PARAPAN 2015

## Wheelchair basketballer first wanted to swim

Since it implies something underhanded, it would be misleading to say Tracey Ferguson was tricked into playing wheelchair basketball. Any deception was out of compassion.

But Ferguson, now 40 and a mainstay on the national women's team for 24 years, wanted to be a swimmer when her mother called Variety Village searching for a place where her preteen daughter could emulate her hero, Alex Baumann.

"My daughter is new to a wheelchair," Ferguson recalls her mother, Patricia Boudreau, explaining on the phone. "She swam before paralysis and she wants to be a swimmer. The gentleman there said, 'C'mon down and see what we have.'"

### + BACKGROUND

#### Into the chair

Ferguson, the youngest of six children, was paralyzed during a surgical procedure when she was 9. She had scoliosis and when doctors at Sick Kids Hospital were implanting the steel rods to straighten her spine, the procedure left her without movement from the waist down.

She has regained some function over time and can walk short distances.

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Tracey Ferguson dribbles past Janet McLachlan during a presentation in Toronto in March.

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

He failed to mention that they hadn't built a pool yet."

Ferguson, almost 12 at the time, excitedly arrived to see the facilities.

"We got down there and they threw me in a basketball chair, they threw me in a racing chair and I played some tennis. Finally I said, 'And the pool?' And the guy was like, 'We're going to build one. But we didn't want to turn you away. We didn't want to say no.'"

Her mother, meanwhile, saw how much fun Tracey was having and signed her up for a membership. Boudreau was then floored when her daughter said she wanted to play basket-

## Once I found out about wheelchair sports, my world opened up again.

Tracey Ferguson

ball. She asked Tracey if she'd actually made a basket during her test run.

"Not even close," the youngster responded beaming. "Didn't even hit the bottom of the mesh."

Ferguson admits she was "horrible" but she believed she could get better. Three Paralympic gold medals and a bronze with Canada along with four world championships and a bronze at that level proved her right.

But Ferguson was also attracted to the fact she could play with her friends. She couldn't play basketball standing up with them but all her pals from Reesor Park Public School in Markham could come down to Variety Village, sit in a wheelchair and play basketball with her.

"We could play like we played before my injury," she said.

Ferguson, just five feet tall and 46 pounds, recalls she was lighter than her 50-pound

"clunker" of a wheelchair that could have held two of her. But life changed when she got into a sports chair for the first time at Variety Village.

"It felt like running again," she said. "Once I found out about wheelchair sports, my world opened up again."

Ferguson, who calls herself "exceptionally old," has played for Canada so long she went through one 12-year stretch of being undefeated internationally and then through a rebuilding phase that has the team back on top as reigning world champs as it goes into the Parapan Games in Toronto. Ferguson is the only player remaining from the Paralympic champion teams in 1992, 1996 and 2000.

"When I stop being an asset to the team, it will be time for me to go," says Ferguson but she is training with hopes of playing in the Paralympics at Rio in 2016. The Parapan Am Games here are a qualifier for Rio. Canada finished sixth at the London Paralympic Games in 2012.

While Ferguson now lives in Germany where she plays professional wheelchair basketball — "they cover your costs but you're not getting rich" — her siblings and parents, in Holland Landing, remain in the Toronto area.

She sees playing in these Games as a way to thank them.

"They were the ones that launched my career and now I have an opportunity to play at one of the biggest sporting events in the world in my hometown and to put on a show for them," she says. "I can say, what you did back then allowed me to realize my dreams and I want to really show them how great Team Canada is."

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JUNIOR HOCKEY

## Bowers won't train for Cape Breton

The Cape Breton Screaming Eagles have confirmed that Shane Bowers will not report to the team's training camp in early August.

The future of Bowers has been the centre of speculation since he was drafted fourth overall by the Screaming Eagles in the 2015 Québec Major Junior Hockey League draft in early June.

"The parents and the agent have informed us that Shane will not be reporting to our camp," said Cape Breton's head

coach and general manager Marc-André Dumont.

Bowers, who as a member of the Halifax McDonald's was named the most valuable player in the Nova Scotia Major Midget Hockey League last season, has indicated to the Screaming Eagles that he will be reporting to the training camp of the Waterloo Black Hawks of the United States Hockey League, the top tier of junior hockey in the U.S.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Rookie to stand in for injured Kevin Glenn

Rookie Brett Smith will make his first CFL start Friday night when the Saskatchewan Roughriders visit the Edmonton Eskimos.

A league source requesting anonymity said Smith will replace veteran Kevin Glenn, who suffered a shoulder injury in the second half of the Riders' 31-21 home loss to the Hamilton Tiger-Cats on Sunday.

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NHL

## Gillette Stadium to host Winter Classic

The Winter Classic is coming to the home of the New England Patriots.

NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman joined officials from the Boston Bruins and Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday to say the Original Six rivals would meet at Gillette Stadium on New Year's Day. The Bruins will be the first team to host the event twice. They also hosted it in 2010, at Fenway Park.

Patriots owner Robert Kraft

also spoke at the ceremony, just hours after his impassioned "Deflategate" defence.

Bettman notes that the three organizations are among the most successful in their sports, with 34 championships. The Canadiens have won 24 of those, but the Patriots are the defending Super Bowl champs.

Bettman also says the league has extended the game's title sponsorship with Bridgestone for another five years.

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## RECIPE Grilled Zucchini, Tomato and Buffalo Mozzarella Stacks



### EAT LIGHT AT HOME

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#### Ready in

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 10 minutes

#### Ingredients

- 6 round slices zucchini (1-inch thick)
- 6 slices medium-sized red tomatoes (1/2-inch thick)
- 3 oz buffalo mozzarella cheese or smooth ricotta
- 6 slices medium-sized yellow tomatoes (1/2-inch thick)
- Balsamic glaze
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 2 Tbsp maple syrup
- Chopped fresh basil

#### Directions

1. In a grill pan sprayed with vegetable oil, grill zucchini rounds, around four minutes per side,

just until slightly tender.

2. On large serving platter, place red tomato slices in a single row. Divide half of cheese over top tomatoes. Top with yellow tomato slices and divide remaining cheese over top. Add zucchini rounds.

3. In small skillet, add balsamic vinegar and maple syrup. Bring to a boil and cook for one to two minutes, just until bubbles cover entire surface. Drizzle over top tomato stacks and garnish with basil. If glaze gets too thick, gently reheat and add a little more maple syrup.

#### Nutrition per serving (makes 6 stacks)

- Calories 70
- Protein 4 g
- Carbohydrates 6 g
- Total fat 1.5 g
- Cholesterol 5 g
- Sodium 100 mg

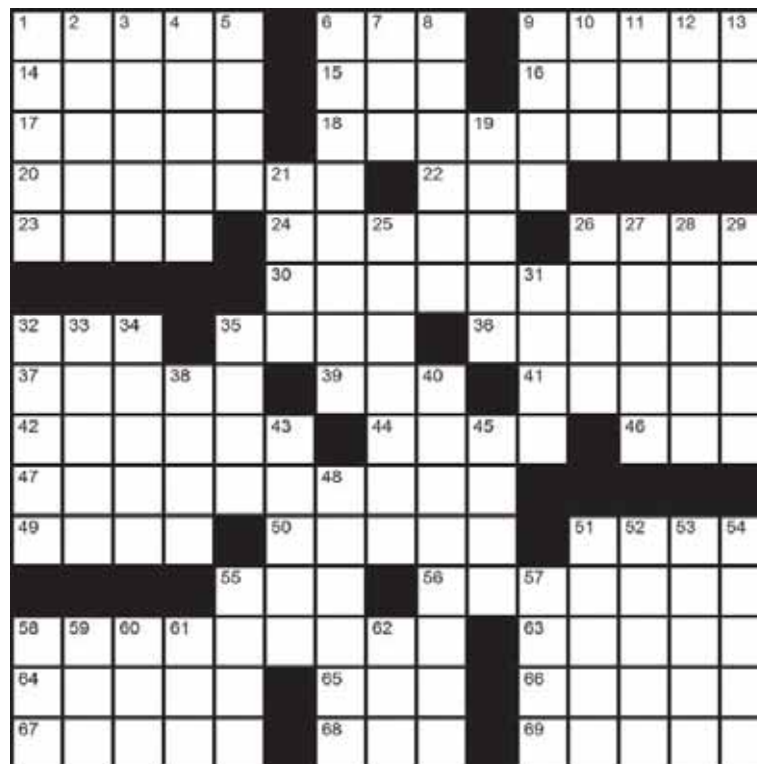
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## CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

### ACROSS

1. Bird of Jove
6. "This Hour Has 22 Minutes" network
9. Gladden
14. Pasted
15. Diminutive suffix
16. Mr. Firth
17. Succulent plant
18. Break in the workday
20. "The \_\_\_ Code" (2006) starring Tom Hanks
22. \_\_\_-mo replay
23. Navigated waters
24. Arise
26. Regrettably
30. As per #6-Down, locale in the Yukon: 2 wds.
32. '60s hit: "\_\_\_ My Party"
35. Dry
36. Religious lecture
37. Update a route
39. Not nope
41. Existence
42. Appearances
44. Lids
46. Kicker's peg
47. Coniferous tree delicacies: 2 wds.
49. Dwelling
50. Regards
51. \_\_\_ of St. Lawrence
55. Neutral shoe tone
56. Item in an eater's hand
58. Spanish author of Don Quixote



63. Scoundrel
64. Significant \_\_\_ (Special someone)
65. Record co.
66. Astound
67. Picture
68. Grumpy's

- co-worker
69. Thaws

### DOWN

1. "Zounds!"
2. Pool nuisance
3. Tropical fruit
4. Mr. Strauss'

- jeans
5. "I Dream of Jeanie" star Barbara
6. July 30th to August 2nd, 2015: Yukon \_\_\_ Festival (Regional food celebration in Whitehorse)

- and #30-Across
7. \_\_\_-ray player
8. Population count
9. Canyon liner
10. Movie studio area

11. Canadian journalist Mr. Velshi
12. Mr. Burton the director
13. Compass pt.
19. Namesakes of jazz singer Ms. Laine
21. Relinquish control
25. Honeybunch
26. Land amount
27. Speed \_\_\_
28. Repent
29. Abbey Theatre dramatist, J.M. \_\_\_ (b.1871 - d.1909)
31. Bird beaks
32. Bar soap brand, \_\_\_ Spring
33. Song's swiftness
34. Phoney well-wishery
35. On \_\_\_ (Without a contract)
38. Chill
40. Billboard chart fare: 2 wds.
43. Certain car
45. "Excuse me..."
48. Like a traveling circus venue
51. Garden guy
52. Regular
53. Hungarian composer, Franz \_\_\_ (b.1811 - d.1886)
54. Escapes
55. Root vegetable
57. "Rio Lobo" (1970) actor Jack
58. Police officer
59. Ordinal suffix
60. Greek alphabet's 17th letter
61. Verify
62. Goth rocker

## ★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

**Aries** March 21 - April 20  
Be careful how you react to criticism today. If you let your enemies see that your feelings are hurt they will go out of their way to hurt you further. Pretend that you are not the slightest bit bothered.

**Taurus** April 21 - May 21  
You find it hard to be modest, but today you would be wise not to draw attention to your superiority because there is something you have missed that could make you look very silly.

**Gemini** May 22 - June 21  
The best way to get over your negative mood is to throw yourself into an activity that you enjoy. It doesn't have to be important, just something that takes your mind off your worries.

**Cancer** June 22 - July 23  
You want to speak your mind today, but be warned: you could be the one who is the topic of conversation if you stray from the facts. What others say won't be pleasant.

**Leo** July 24 - Aug. 23  
This is not a good time to say or do anything that might meet the disapproval of people in power. Yes, there are facts that need to be looked at but don't make a big deal of it.

**Virgo** Aug. 24 - Sept. 23  
If you tread on someone's toes today the consequences could be painful for both of you! Minor differences could escalate quite rapidly into major disputes, so steer clear of people who offend easily.

**Libra** Sept. 24 - Oct. 23  
The most important thing now is that you act as if you care, even if you don't. Others are counting on you to raise their spirits and if you are as nice a person as they say you are you will tell them what they need to hear.

**Scorpio** Oct. 24 - Nov. 22  
You are never afraid to be controversial but today there is a danger that you will go too far and make an enemy of someone powerful. You may be brave, but ask yourself: is it worth the hassle?

**Sagittarius** Nov. 23 - Dec. 21  
Don't neglect the needs of those you love in your haste to make a name for yourself on the work front. You could all too easily turn people against you.

**Capricorn** Dec. 22 - Jan. 20  
If you help someone today they will repay the favour later, when you are the one in need. In a nutshell: be kind to others and they will more likely be kind to you.

**Aquarius** Jan. 21 - Feb. 19  
The time has come to end some kind of partnership. It won't be easy but you know it must be done. In the long-term it will be good for you both.

**Pisces** Feb. 20 - March 20  
You must be honest with yourself about what you want and what you have to do to get it. And if you come to the conclusion that the price is too high then lower your sights and aim for something less demanding.

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